

FREED OF FAMINE

RUSSIA'S BINS NOW BULGE WITH GRAIN

Too much bread promises to be Russia's dilemma WITH GOOD HARVEST SURPLUS EXPECTED

(By Associated Press)

Moscow, May 9.—Too much bread promises to be Russia's dilemma in 1923.

From 1917 until 1922 bread was the most precious thing in Russia. A farmer could trade into Moscow with a small sack of grain and trade it for a grand piano or anything which the hungry city dweller had to offer. Now the same peasant could walk from one end of Russia to the other and, excepting in a few isolated famine districts, could not get a jack-knife for the same sack of grain.

If the harvest of this year turns out as expected, Russia will have a surplus of grain which could be sold abroad.

From a country which less than 18 months ago was clamoring for crusts Russia has changed into a nation which promises within a few months to be swamped with wheat and rye.

At Saratof, near certain communes that have been listed as famine stricken, rye flour, the staple of bread, is quoted at less than 25 cents a pood, which is 36 pounds. At Samara, the district where even cannibalism occurred among the starving a year ago, rye goes begging at less than 40 cents a bushel.

In Moscow, naturally, transportation costs have made prices somewhat higher, almost double the reigning price in the great producing regions. Siberia, once the granary from which wheat poured into Western Europe, did not fare so well in last year's harvest, and there prices are higher, but in Odessa and at Kieff, in the southern wheat belt, recent official quotations show wheat costing under 70 cents a bushel.

The Soviet Government, through the collection of taxes, has rolled up a grain reserve amounting to nearly 200,000 bushels. Some of this is needed to feed the army, but as for the bulk of grain, unless it can be exported, the government does not know what to do with it.

DEFI WRITTEN IN BLOOD

OPENS STUDENTS' STRIKE

(By Associated Press)

Tokio, May 9.—Because a few of their fellow students in a Tokyo school were "plucked" at the recent annual examination, 40 successful candidates went on strike, announcing their decision to the directors in a letter written in blood. The writers declared: "It was the fault of the students of the whole class that these unfortunate students did not pass the examination, and out of sympathy they refuse to attend school until the school authorities reconsider their decision and declare their friends passed."

PINGER AND ALLEN

SLIP FROM BANDIT'S

(By Associated Press)

Peking, May 9.—Major Pinger and Allen and the former son, escaped from the Suchow bandits according to advices received here.

STEAMER ON ROCKS

WIRELESS REPORTS

(By Associated Press)

Seattle, May 9.—The coast guard cutter Snohomish is rushing to the assistance of Lake Umbagog on the rocks near Umatilla reef, according to a wireless message, which said the steamship was in a dangerous position. It carries a crew of 30 or 35.

CHAMBERLAIN TO

ROOM MAY BE BOARD

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 9.—Resignation of George Chamberlain as member of the House board was accepted by the president effective June 30th.

The funeral of a happy one. He doesn't know at what moment some woman will mistake him for her husband and shoot.

REGAL BANQUETS HOLD

NO CHARMS FOR ENGLANDS HEIR APPARENT

(By Associated Press)

London, May 9.—English hostesses who have been vying among themselves to have the popular Prince of Wales dine with them have been dismayed to find that His Royal Highness has very abstemious tastes and crews will except the simplest dishes. One of London's most aristocratic and wealthy families set a regal banquet before the prince lately, only to find that their guest passed it all by and chose a plate of clod and beans.

English physicians attribute the prince's good health to his frugal diet, abstention from all rich, highly seasoned dishes especially flesh foods, much outdoor exercises and a cheery optimistic disposition.

FREE STATE DECLINES

TO HEAR DE VALERA

(By Associated Press)

Dublin, May 9.—The Free State has refused peace terms of De Valera and has declined to communicate further with the Republican leader.

CHARGES WOMAN

FORGED HIS NAME

(By Associated Press)

Boston, May 9.—Charles M. Schwab appeared before the grand jury to testify against Mrs. Myrtle Hayes the Boston business woman alleged to have forged the former iron masters name last January to a note for \$25,000.

New York, May 9.—The jury later returned an indictment against the woman and the district attorneys office announced it would ask a thousand dollars bail.

THOMASVILLE ELECTS

NEW MAYOR, OLD BOARD

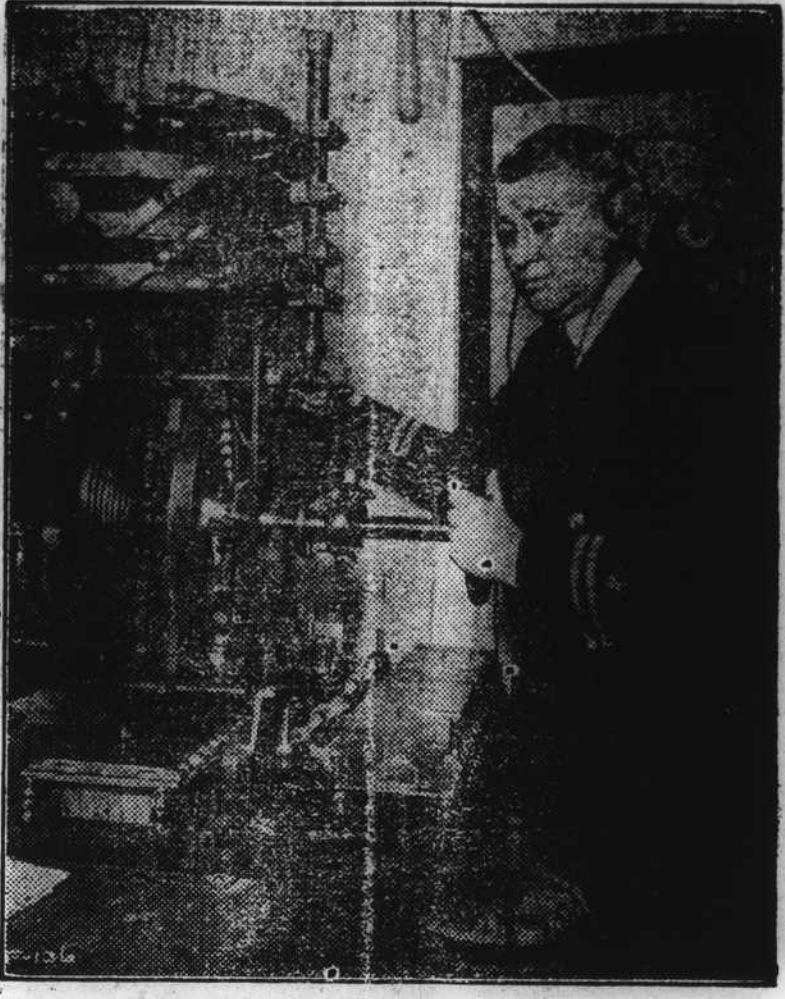
Thomasville, May 9.—The old board that has served for the past two years was re-elected today by the voters of Thomasville the only new man being the mayor, P. A. Finch. The board is: Dr. R. W. Lewis, B. R. Connell, C. F. Lambert, R. L. Pope, F. B. Hamrick.

At a late hour two other tickets were placed in the race but proved ineffective so far as affecting the convention candidates was concerned.

LEAKSVILLE

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| Mrs. P. P. Wilson | 88,000 |
| Mrs. R. E. Foster | 45,000 |
| Mrs. Moran Hopper | 35,800 |
| Mrs. Roy L. Warriner | 84,000 |
| Mrs. N. B. Austin | 44,800 |
| Miss Lola Jones | 5,000 |
| Miss Nannie Strong | 78,000 |
| Miss Mary King | 87,400 |
| Miss Lucile Price | 47,400 |
| Miss Zula Patterson | 45,300 |
| Miss Vera Robertson | 89,400 |
| Miss Roxie Barksdale | 69,100 |
| Miss Elizabeth Simpson | 7,100 |
| Miss Bessie Gunn | 63,600 |
| L. H. Hankins | 38,100 |
| W. T. Barker | 5,900 |
| C. L. Bray | 5,000 |
| LEAKSVILLE, R. F. D. NO. 1 | |
| Miss Harvey Pratt | 42,600 |
| Miss Emma Pratt | 47,400 |
| Miss Kate Barnes | 55,600 |
| SPRAY | |
| Miss Nannie Flannigan | 5,600 |
| Miss Hilda Irving | 46,000 |
| Miss Sue Brown | 46,100 |
| Miss Nannie Parker | 5,000 |
| Miss Lotta Long | 5,000 |
| Miss Maline Snow | 49,200 |
| Miss Elizabeth Gordon | 6,900 |
| Miss Gloria Halley | 45,900 |
| Miss Pauline Coward | 81,900 |
| DRAPER | |
| Miss Helen Weaver | 46,200 |
| MERTHWORTH | |
| Miss Ruth Irving | 45,400 |
| Miss Evelyn Gentry | 35,700 |
| STONEVILLE | |
| Miss Thelma Glenn | 48,200 |
| Miss Ruby Thresher | 5,000 |
| STONEVILLE, R. F. D. | |
| Miss Myrtle Webb | 48,400 |
| REIDSVILLE, R. F. D. NO. 4 | |
| Miss Esther Alcorn | 46,500 |
| PRICE, N. C. | |
| R. L. Harris | 5,000 |

Dean of Radio Operators Has Unique Record of Land, Air and Sea Service



LIEUT. JOHN R. IRWIN, A. R. S.

New York, May 9.—So great has the public interest in radio telephony grown during the past year it has become hard for the average "wireless fan" to leave home and travel about on land or sea without being able to nap the ether with his instruments and "listen in" to entertainment programs being sent out by broadcasting stations in various parts of the country.

Wireless operators aboard the steamers of the United States Lines find that the majority of passengers want to continue hearing the concerts sent out from their favorite stations while at sea and hardly wait for the vessel to leave port before inquiring if there is not a radio telephone receiving set aboard. Finding out that there is, they besiege the wireless cabin with requests that they be permitted to hear the broadcasts. The operators allow them to do unless they are sending or receiving official or business messages over the telegraph apparatus when they shut down on the telephone sets.

The radio telephone apparatus that the "Sparks" as the wireless operators are familiarly called have put up on various passenger vessels of the United States Lines have been found capable of receiving broadcast programs when over 2,500 miles away from the port of New York. Some concerts originating as far west from New York as Chicago have been heard clearly and distinctly by vessels in mid-ocean.

The radio men of whom there are three on all the United States Lines are experts at their craft, but they all look up to their dear Lieut. John R. Irwin, Air Service reserve chief operator on the President Monroe. Irwin is not only one of the pioneers in the field of radio telephony and telephony, having operated the first apparatus on a passenger vessel at sea, but a man with a unique record acquired while engaged in work of this nature.

Irwin who is considered one of the best authorities on radio telephony instruction for both professional and amateur is remembered in shipping circles as the operator at the Siascon set, Mass., wireless station who received the first "C. Q. D." message ever sent from a vessel in distress. It was Irwin who "took" Jack Binn's now famous distress call from the S. S. Republic in collision and sinking off Nantucket.

Again it was Irwin who was wireless operator on the airship "America" which in October 1910 made an unsuccessful attempt to cross the Atlantic. During three days the "America" was in the air, Irwin succeeded in both sending and receiving radio messages the first time a feat of that nature had ever been accomplished. It was by radio that he managed to direct the steamship Trent to the rescue of the airship's crew, when they were forced to land in Mid-Atlantic.

The chief operator of the President Monroe also was radio operator of the airship "Akron" and owes his life to the fact that while during one of the trial trips it exploded in the air off Atlantic City he was in this city buying new parts for his wireless apparatus. Everyone aboard the "Akron" was killed.

From 1911 until the war the President Monroe's chief operator was engaged in establishing wireless stations on the Pacific coast and in Alaska. During the war he was an officer instructor in the Air Service of the United States later becoming a member of the radio force of the United States Lines.

Irwin who is exceedingly popular with passengers on the vessel and ever willing to explain the mysteries of both the radio and telegraph and telephone to them is author of many books on wireless which are known to all students of the science.

4 AMERICANS ARE

IN BRITISH GOLF

(By Associated Press)

Deal, May 9.—Four of the invading American golfers remained in the running as a result of a play in the third round of the British amateur championship. Another American resident in England, E. W. Holderness, the present British titleholder. Those remaining after the third round are Francis Quimet of Boston George Rotan of Texas, Dr. O. F. Willing, Portland, Ore., John Neville, San Francisco and Douglas Grant a former Californian now living in London.

Life is harder out in the great open spaces, no doubt, but at least you don't step on chewing gum.

JUDGE KNOX HOLDS

DRS. HAVE RIGHTS

(By Associated Press)

New York, May 9.—Judge Knox declared void that portion of the Volstead Act which limits the amount of liquor which a physician may prescribe, and granted an injunction restraining prohibition enforcement authorities from interfering with the practice of Dr. Samuel Lambert.

BRITISH TO INCREASE

ITS AIR FORCES

(By Associated Press)

London, May 9.—The cabinet has reached the conclusion that a considerable increase in the British air forces is necessary the Duke of Devonshire informed the House of Lords today.

PARIS THEATRICAL

NEWSPAPER PROPOSES BERNHARDT MEMORIAL

(By Associated Press)

Paris, May 9.—The Paris daily newspaper Comedie, which devotes its columns exclusively to matters theatrical, has started a public subscription for the erection of a monument to Sarah Bernhardt.

Thus is added another tribute to the memory of the great dramatic artist, others including a project to rename the Pace Chatelet in her honor. Comedie is also distributing a drawing in color by Veres showing the great artist reposing on her death bed.

SERVANTS CHEAP IN OSAKA

(By Associated Press)

Osaka, Japan, May 9.—The wages of servant girls in Osaka have gone up 1,800 percent in 30 years. The pay of men servants, printers, carpenters, and coolies has gone up in the same period of time, between 820 and 1,300 percent.

In 1891 servant girls got on an average of 83 sen, or about 42 cents a month. Today they are paid \$7.50.

FRANCE HAS MANY

SEXAGENARIANS

(By Associated Press)

Paris, May 9.—More than 10 percent of the population of France has reached the age of 60. In other words, the republic has nearly 5,000,000 men and women traveling toward three score years and ten.

Germany, according to the same statistics, with a population one-third greater than France, counts only 5,113,000 persons, or eight percent, in the same age category.

RIVER DAM SAVES YEARLY

ITS COST OF CONSTRUCTION

(By Associated Press)

Keokuk, Ia., May 9.—Six million tons of coal are saved annually by the operation of the Keokuk dam in the Mississippi river here, according to an estimate by the operators of the dam.

Power hidden under the surface of the Mississippi and harnessed by the dam is lighting stores and running street cars in St. Louis and a great many smaller towns in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. Miles upon miles of cables and conduits run out from the dam in almost every direction.

Accepting the average price of coal, it can readily be seen that the saving in one year of this fuel would more than pay for the entire cost of the dam, which was placed at \$29,000,000 in 1913, when it was completed.

PRAGUE AN AERIAL CENTER

(By Associated Press)

Prague, May 9.—A commercial aerial transportation company is making regular airplane flights at the rate of eight a week between this city and Paris, Warsaw and Constantinople and return. Mails, merchandise and passengers are moved.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

QUARTER DOLLAR AMOUNT TO WASH AROUND TOWN BUT THE AVERAGE GUY, HE THINKS IS SOME PUNKINS IN THE COLLECTION BOX!! BE LIBERAL WITH YOUR CHANGE! THERE AIN'T ANY PLACE IN TOWN WHERE MONEY WILL GO AS FAR!



CAPTIVES HELD ARE

REPORTED ALMOST DEAD FOR FOOD

Fear steps to capture and punish bandits further endanger captives

FRATT OF RICHMOND

CABLES HE'S SAFE

(By Associated Press)

Shanghai, May 9.—The fourteen Americans held in hill back of Lincheng, the "almost dead" from lack of food and clothing and from exposure according to a message from Lincheng.

Number Held Uncertain

Teintsin, May 9.—Further advices made is uncertain as to the number of foreign captives held by the Chinese bandits but it is believed here several foreigners including four Americans missionaries boarded at way stations of the Peking-Shanghai Express train which was seized near Suchow, Sunday and therefore were unlisted while 13 passengers are known to have escaped it is probable twice that number remain in perilous captivity.

Fear Effort To Rescue

Peking, May 9.—While the government issued orders to foreign commissioner of Shantung to comply with all demands of the Suchow train bandits, diplomatic circles were not optimistic over the prospect for an early release of the captives. Foreign ministers expressed the opinion that the Chinese cabinet was willing to pay the necessary ransom, but pointed out that the militarists probably would intervene and insist on continuing operations against the bandits. The ministers fear that an effort to rescue the prisoners will only endanger them further.

Rev. F. W. Pratt's Sa'e

Deerfield, Mass., May 9.—Rev. Frank W. Pratt of Richmond, Va., was not on the train captured by Chinese bandits Sunday as had been thought when the Shanghai dispatches mentioned F. W. Pratt as among those seized, his sisters here received a cablegram from the Unitarian minister sent from Sakawan, China, saying he and his wife were not on the train.

TOBACCO BEDS DESTROYED

ON S. E. ALCORN'S FARM

Mr. S. E. Alcorn a farmer living across Dan river on the Saunders road came into the Gazette office this morning with a complaint that some one had destroyed beds he had made on his place, and left a note in an envelope addressed to him. The note read:

"We helped you get a good price for your tobacco this year. Now join the Coops and help put it over. Sign up and do your part, or you will not make a crop of tobacco."

"Fair Warning"

Mr. Alcorn has offered a reward of one hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties guilty of destroying his plant beds.

Mr. Alcorn said he thought that some one connected with the Co-operative Marketing Association was responsible but Mr. Wilson a neighbor who was in the Gazette office at the same time said he did not believe this, that he thought it must have been some mischievous boys who wrote the note and damaged his tobacco beds.

As the Co-operative Marketing Association is composed of many of the best citizens in Rockingham county we cannot believe they had a thing in the world to do with it, or that they would in any way tolerate anything of the kind.

JOSEPH ENOCH HELD

FOR GRAND JURY

(By Associated Press)

Richmond, May 9.—Joseph Enoch held for the grand jury on charges of assaulting and murdering 16 year old Celia Shavie, who was found near her home April 27th in an unconscious condition.

A short sentence containing all the letters of the alphabet, although having two e's, two i's and four u's is: "The five boxing wizards jump quickly."